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SUBJ: LEGAL ADVISERS' MEETING AGENDA

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1. AGREED AGENDA FOR FORTHCOMING LEGAL ADVISERS' MTG
FOCUSES LARGELY ON DISCUSSION OF MULTILATERAL RATHER
THAN BILATERAL ISSUES.

2. AGREED AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE:

A. A FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION OF THE SPECIAL UNITED NATIONS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION AND RELATED ECONOMIC ISSUES;

B. CONSIDERATION OF THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL
LAW-MAKING (INCLUDING RECENT EXPERIENCES SUCH AS THE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DEFINITION OF AGGRESSION AND THE
CONFERENCE ON THE LAWS OF WAR);

C. RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN OUTER SPACE LAW;

D. POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS
RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM; AND

E. DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL LEGAL ISSUES ARISING ALONG
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THE BOUNDARY (INCLUDING MEANS TO RESOLVE UNSETTLED

CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARIES AND SETTLEMENT OF OTHER
OUTSTANDING LEGAL ISSUES).

3. WE EXPECT DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL ISSUES WILL BE
LIMITED. U.S. SIDE INTENDS TO EXPRESS DISAPPOINTMENT
OVER CANADIAN REJECTION OF ADJUDICATION OF MACHIAS SEAL
ISLAND - NORTH ROCK AND A-B LINE DISPUTES, AND WILL SEEK
CANADIAN VIEWS REGARDING ALTERNATE MEANS TO RESOLVE THESE
ISSUES. U.S. SIDE ALSO EXPECTS EXPLORE CANADIAN THINKING
REGARDING TIMING AND PROCEDURES FOR FUTURE BILATERAL
CONTINENTAL SHELF NEGOTIATIONS. KISSINGER

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